

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 59, 60, 65, 66, 71, 72, 77, 78, 83-85, 90, 91, 96, 97, 102, 103, 108-110, 115, 116, 121, 122, 127, 128, 133, 134, 139, 140, 145 and 146 under 35 U. S. C. § 112. The Examiner's objection to these claims is that they were not limited to determining the concentration of glucose in blood, a blood fraction or a control in the presence of red blood cells or red blood cell fractions, the source and determining factor in hematocrit. Without prejudice, all of the claims remaining in this application have now all been limited to determining the concentration of glucose in blood, a blood fraction or a control in the presence of red blood cells or red blood cell fractions. This rejection is thereby overcome.

The Examiner indicated that if the limitations appearing in claims 83 and 108 were incorporated into their respective independent claims 59 and 84, these claims would be allowable. By amendments contained herein, the limitations appearing in claims 83 and 108 have been incorporated into their respective independent claims 59 and 84

The Examiner indicated that claims 109 and 133 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U. S. C. § 112 rejections noted above. By amendments contained herein, claims 109 and 133 have been so amended.

Claims 1-58, 60-63, 66-68, 72-74, 78-80, 83, 85, 91, 97, 103, 108, 110-112, 116-118, 122-124, 128-130, 134, 140, 146 and 152 have been cancelled without prejudice. Conforming amendments have been made to the remaining claims.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that his claims 59, 64, 65, 69-71, 75-77, 81, 82, 84, 86-90, 92-96, 98-102, 104-107, 109, 113-115, 119-121, 125-127, 131-133, 135-139, 141-145, 147-151 and 153-156, as amended herein, are in condition for further favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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